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WITHIN THE WEEK

So earnestly has our attention been riveted to the west, with talk of an impending invasion, that some have momentarily overlooked the Russian scene. The Red Army, however, has not long permitted our gaze to wander, or our admiration to wither. The capture of Sevastopol, this wk, must be marked as one of the very significant developments of the present war.

The fall of this great Crimean naval base wipes out the last enemy toehold in pre-war Russia. Moreover, it gives the Russian fleet a major base less than 250 mi from Romanian coast. And, possibly of most potential import, it releases great forces for new Red Army offensives farther to the west.

Here, again, the element of time is a significant gauge of enemy deterioration. The Germans labored at their mighty best for 250 days of siege to gain Sevastopol. The Red Army has liberated all of the Crimea in 32 days. Or another measure of comparison: Germany's 27 days of final assault on Sevastopol, against the three-day Russian conquest.

ITALY: Some competent observers of the European scene have believed that invasion in the west will be synchronized with, and in some degree dependent upon our

Italian conquest. Significant in this view are recent developments and portents in Italy. For some 10 days now, Germans have been broadcasting propaganda reports of Allied preparations for a new Italian offensive. And mid-wk finds the 8th Army forces in moderate advances. Most significant is the report that Italian-based Liberators have struck repeatedly at the Messerschmitt factory near Vienna. Strategists have contended all along that use of our aircraft based in Italy would become an increasingly important factor in the destruction of Reich defenses, and those of the adjacent occupied countries.

BURMA: Too much is not to be expected of the drive which Gen Stillwell's Chinese troops have launched. The apparent objective now is to jockey for best positions possible ere the monsoon strikes. If they succeed in occupying Magaung they shall be doing very well.

EUROPEAN UNDERGROUND: It is no longer a secret that vast stores and ammunition have been making their way into Europe, under Allied auspices, for the eventual use of patriotic groups that will rise, on signal, against the Nazi enemy. This wk the total of such armies was reported in a startling estimate: 12 million men.



SHIFTING SANDS

Those close to the scene in Washington, both within and without the Administration, continue to remark this wk that the Ward seizure was "a monstrous mess." This is said without regard to the merits of the case of Ward's vs the union, which is quite another story. The testy humor in which the President ret'd from his southland vacation has led to some speculation that he may have acted precipitately in ordering gov't occupation of the company's properties. Nor has the Administration case been helped, in public view, by 11th hr restoration. The incident may be expected to figure prominently in the coming Presidential campaign. " " "

OFA is not coming out too well in its nation-wide campaign to enroll volunteers (chiefly housewives) who will make store-to-store checks on OFA price ceilings. Many agree on theoretical usefulness of task, but few are willing to undertake such a tedious assignment.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"It is hard to tell the plaintiff from the defendant when both are wearing pants."—Circuit Judge EUGENE J SARTORIUS, of St Louis, ruling that slacks are no longer permissible attire in his court.

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Letter of the wk: "Dear Dorothy Lamour: I love you very much. I dream about you every night. Please send me a carton of American cigarettes."—From a soldier stationed in the S Pacific.

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"There is no person who will not crack under sufficient stress."—Col Wm C MENNINGER, chief, division of neuropsychiatry, stressing point that victims of battle-shock aren't weaklings.

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"I didn't hit a thing, and if a barn door had been there, I'd probably have missed that too."—Maj RICHARD I BONG, 1st American flier to surpass Cap't Edw RICKENBACKER's record in World War I, recalling his initial experience with the Japs.

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"We thought we'd never get the baby to cry. Finally the nurse gave him a little wallop and he let out a regular Indian war whoop."—Mrs JANE LABOUY, E St Louis mother of a 4-day-old infant, explaining difficulty encountered when infant's father, telephoning from S Pacific, wanted to hear his son's voice.

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"I have satisfied myself beyond doubt of the authenticity of the vision, and regard it as a good omen." — Rev HAROLD GODFREY GREEN, vicar of St Nicholas church, Ipswich, Eng, commenting on testimony of townsfolk who declare they saw vision of Jesus on a cross in the sky during a recent air-raid alert.

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"Good Lord, I'm just back. I'm not going to talk on that subject any more than I've talked in the past. I didn't read the statement. And if I had read it, I wouldn't comment on it." — FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, asked to comment on a statement by ROBT HANNAGAN, chairman of Democratic Nat'l committee, pointing to inevitability of a 4th term for the President.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"Why are we always in the middle of a stream when a President is up for election?"—Query to *Wake of The News* dep't Chicago Tribune.

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"I am the kind of a girl wives call up to go out with their husbands." — ANITA COLBY, Hollywood actress.

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"We carry everything!"—Suggested caption for Ward's next catalog, with illustration of soldiers toting out Board Chairman AVERY SEWELL.

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"Our political dissimilarities with Russia need not be the source of friction if we seek and find the many practical ways in which we can work to a common end."—Gov THOS E DEWEY, of N Y.

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"We were treated as an entertainment group, although I am not entertainment."—ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, answering inquiries as to her mode of travel in visiting war fronts. Mrs. Roosevelt this wk expressed a desire to visit Russia, "if such a trip would be useful."

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"The man doesn't live who can truthfully say that these dispatches ever gave aid or comfort to Prohibition, but I do say nevertheless that our public and official alarm over the shortage of liquor is pathetic in a people who are supposed to be adult . . . So, if liquor must eventually be dealt with an eye-dropper or vanish temporarily . . . this is another minor deprivation of a non-essential civilian diet."—WESTBROOK PEGLER, in his syndicated col, *Fair Enough*.

"And they aren't worth a dime a doz now!"—St Louis tavern-keeper, bemoaning sudden avalanche of meat tokens cluttering his slot machines.

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"Your letter marks the 1st time I have heard the expression."—American soldier stationed in England, writing his wife to assert ignorance of the term, "D-Day."

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"We have extended the life of the OPA for another yr. It may even continue after the war—but congress has the power to end it the day peace is declared if it sees fit."—Sen ALBEN W BARKLEY, Ky.

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"We must keep our own personal standards of living high, or victory will be tarnished."—Mrs HIRAM C HOUGHTON, Jr., v-p Gen'l Federation of Women's Clubs.

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"The only answer to total war is total peace. A total peace is one which demands a responsibility from each of us." — Dr J RAYMOND SCHULTZ, prof of Social Science, Manchester college

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"Whether we have a postwar crime wave will depend entirely, I believe, upon economic conditions after the war, but I don't think the outlook is as black as some people picture it."—J EDGAR HOOVER, scoffing at view that ret'g soldiers may be potential criminals because they have been taught to kill.

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"We must rely on the gen'l's who are leading us. . . And we need to realize more than ever in these times that there is a divine power greater than any human force in the world—and faith is all important." — Mrs DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, wife of the American invasion commander, interviewed in Washington.

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"If the army fails to get ashore on D day I think there are enough American correspondents here to force thru a beachhead on their own. . . And if the publisher of *Dog World* doesn't send over a representative to check on the dog angle, I'll never buy another copy." — ERNIE PYLE, writing from London.

"There's nothing the matter with Congress an election couldn't correct."—Rep CHAS A HALLECK, Ind.

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"You'll find an awful lot of religion where men are scared to death."—Rabbi BARNETT R BRICKER.

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"Cooks are human, too, and they are doing their best."—From an order issued at a New Guinea base, forbidding soldiers to "curse the cook, either on or off duty."

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"The peace will be lost if we fail to take steps to prevent either mass unemployment or mass gov't employment in the postwar period."—PAUL G HOFFMAN, chairman, Committee for Economic Development.

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"When it's really the works, you can be sure the Allied command in London will announce it shortly after it begins."—ELMER DAVIS, director, OWI, warning against phony Axis invasion reports

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"Our prayers are too often the beggar's prayers. We pray only when we want something. There are too few prayers of genuine thanksgiving and praise."—Rev ROBT E WOODS, St Patrick's Cathedral, N Y City.

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"At least none of them can beg off with the excuse that they haven't a thing to wear."—A Lt, announcing that a company of WACs at Ft Sheridan, Ill, would entertain 75 WAVES stationed at Great Lakes.

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"I think her visits mean more to the boys than even those of entertainers or movie 'pin-up' girls."—A Mich private, veteran of New Zealand speaking from an Army hospital, in Pa, of visits made by ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

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"I think it would be better if Jesse, who is a very strong man, were here to carry me back from where he took me."—SEWELL AVERY, board chairman of Montgomery Ward, in a reference to JESSE JONES, Sec'y of Commerce, whose dep't issued the surprise order terminating gov't tenure of Ward properties.

"I am sending you money to buy a chicken. Feed it well until my son lands. He will want chicken to eat the minute he steps ashore."—A fond mother writing to the Fleet Postmaster at San Francisco.

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"Japan will not be satisfied until our air forces are crossing the Rockies in attack on the enemy and our battle fleet is bombarding Washington."—DOMEI NEWS AGENCY, Tokio.

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"Because we have plenty (of food) now, it does not necessarily follow that we will have plenty later . . . It will be even harder to meet our needs this yr than it was last yr."—MARVIN JONES, War Food Administrator.

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"We fell in love at an altitude of 8000 ft, and I haven't come down to earth yet."—ANNA LEE, film actress, announcing her engagement to Capt GEO H STAFFORD, Army pilot whom she met while flying over Africa on a camp tour.

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"Does this mean that matters of vital interest to the public, unrelated to the conduct of the war, are to be decided behind closed doors in star chamber sessions?"—Sen STYLES BRIDGES, N H, discussing Montgomery Ward seizure.

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"God Himself has a stake in the struggle. We repudiate the theory that a state, even though imperfect in itself, must not fight against intolerable wrongs."—From a resolution adopted, after lengthy debate, by the Methodist conference, reversing the '40 stand that the Church will not support war. The vote: 373 to 300.

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"I note that rationing on most meats has been lifted. It is a good thing elections come around, so the officials feel the desires of the people. I predict that women will be privileged to buy nylon hose again within 2 or 3 mo's."—Rep ED HOWE, Ohio.

(Merchants report Rep Howe's offhand prediction is causing plenty of trouble. Women, apparently taking it as assured fact have been swarming in to ask for nylons.)

"I suppose there is no way to avoid Gen'l's from Washington."—Maj-Gen CLAIRE L CHENNAULT, commander 14th U S Air Force.

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"There should be fewer people at the top, few people at the bottom, and more in the middle."—ERIC JOHNSTON, re-elected president of U S Chamber of Commerce.

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"They are the dumbest bunch I ever had anything to do with."—Rep THOS F FORD, Calif, referring to his associates in Congress. (Ford's term expires this yr; he isn't running for re-election.)

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"By our Saturday night indulgences, we put ourselves into a physical, mental and spiritual state on Sunday morning so that even the angel Gabriel would not be sufficiently eloquent to get a message into our hearts and minds."—Rev O E GEISEMAN, in *Pulpit Digest*.

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"The boys built up this business. They'll want to see it going when they come back. God willing, they shall."—Mrs ALBERT F THOMPSON, recently widowed. Her 4 sons are at war and she is operating a two-truck business.



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

MacArthur and the Censorship, An Editorial, *Harper's*, 5-'44.

We recently accepted an article on Gen'l MacArthur by an experienced correspondent accredited to the Gen'l's hdqtrs. Following custom, we sent the mss to the Army for review. Publication was objected to "on grounds of military security."

This act of censorship was not based on the inclusion of military information of value to the enemy. It was based on the fact that the article contained, along with some praise, considerable criticism of the Gen'l. . . .

We have always approved the censoring of information which might be of military value to the enemy. But there is a perpetual danger that censorship may be extended to the concealment of military losses, mistakes and shortcomings. We believe it is better in the long run that the publicity given to, let us say, a Patton incident should cause acute discomfort in high military quarters than that mistakes should be hidden. . . .

But the present case wears another and graver aspect. As we go to press, Gen'l MacArthur has not denied receptiveness to a nomination for the Presidency of the United States. (*He has, of course, since eliminated himself as a candidate.*—Editor of *QUOTE*.) No candidate for the Presidency, tacit or otherwise, should stand hidden behind a veil of censorship.

One may write what one pleases about the other candidates; about Gen'l MacArthur no opinions based on recent observation may apparently be given publicity unless they are flattering. This situation is intolerable in a free country.

BOOKS

The fellows writing forewords for the current books are getting better billing than the authors.—*Lieber's News*, hm H Lieber Co.

CENSORSHIP—Motion Pictures

The motion picture industry for yrs has been under the worst form of censorship—the fear that it may offend someone. Any pipsqueak organization can write a letter to a movie company or the Hays office and threaten to protest against some picture and everyone runs and hides under a desk. The fear of offending someone has kept some mighty important subjects out of pictures. On the other hand, it has made movie standards pretty low for the most part.—*RUSSEL CROUSE* (producer of *Life With Father* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*) in a letter to *N Y Times*.

CHANGE—Impracticability

Everywhere I go people tell me of the great changes in the immediate offing. But of course you and I know that little can happen soon after the war that was considered impracticable or impossible before Pearl Harbor.

Why don't more companies tell people what they may expect in immediate postwar products? Then, when the time comes, buyers won't say, "Why that's a '41 model! I want to see your '46 model!"—*JAS MARATTA*, "Will Postwar Life be Different?", *Printers' Ink*, 4-28-'44.

CHARITY—Impractical

"Certainly, it's for a worthy cause, Otis! It's for paying the expenses of the bazaar we gave last month for a worthy cause."—Caption under a *LICHTY* cartoon, *Chicago Times* syndicate.

DRINK—Drinking

A good way to test the quality of whisky is to pass an electric current thru a qt of the stuff. If the current causes a precipitation of lye, tin, arsenic, iron slag and alum, the whisky is fair. If, however, the liquor chases the current back to the generator, you've got good whisky.—*The Locomotive*, hm Hartford Steam Boiler Inspections Ins Co.

Different Skin

I am the person who was born to live in a skin with a different color from yours.

I could not choose my parents, nor you yours.

I love and hate, hope and despair, rejoice and suffer, along with you.

When my children lose their fair chances at life, and become aware of the bitter road of prejudice they must tread, then I know what my color has cost.

I offer you my hand in rebuilding an unjust world, that you and I can make it better than we have found it.

I am the person in a different skin.—*Sunshine Magazine*.

ESPIONAGE—Jap Style

Some yrs ago, Tom Howard, the comedian, burlesquing the role of a secret agent, in a musicomedy, wore a cap bearing the conspicuous legend, "Spy." The Japs, in their literal and humorless fashion, may have borrowed the idea. At any rate, according to Arthur Clapper, of Milwaukee, a wounded veteran of the battle of Buna, the jungle natives, employed by the Japanese as spies, make no effort to disguise their identity.

"They will walk into camp," says Clapper, "and in their limited English, blandly announce, 'Me Jap spy.' Our soldiers, of course, take great delight in stringing such natives.

"'Okay,' one will respond, with exaggerated seriousness, 'You go back tellum we got 15,000 men and 200 tanks.'

"'I tellum,' the 'spy' nods cheerfully, as he turns and trots back toward the Jap-held jungle."

GUARANTEE

In one of the big stores a lady was trying on smocks. "I think I need a size smaller than this," she told the salesgirl.

"You'd better take that one," the girl said. "It will shrink a size smaller the 1st time you wash it."

"It will?" the customer murmured, seeming a little in doubt.

"We guarantee it, Madam," said the girl.—*New Yorker*.

HABITS—Postwar

There are signs that such relatively unimportant things as shoe polish, hair cuts, and cleaning and pressing service may increase in popularity, the American soldier having become habituated to gen'l neatness whenever and wherever possible.—SARAH C SAUNDERS, "Will War Habits Continue in Peace?", *Domestic Commerce*, 3-44.

HEREDITY

A man was giving some advice to his son. At the end of a rather stern lecture he said: "Now, my boy, you understand perfectly what I mean?"

"Yes," replied the boy, "what it boils down to is this: If I do well it's because of heredity, and if I fail it's my own fault."—*The Journal of Education*, 3-44.

You cannot . . .

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
 2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
 3. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
 4. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
 5. You cannot lift the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer.
 6. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
 7. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
 8. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
 9. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.
 10. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they can do for themselves.
- Judy's Magazine*.

IGNORANCE—Military

The public relations office at the port of embarkation in New Orleans says a recruit at a La army camp was asked by an officer to tell who is Chief of Staff.

After much mental sweating the recruit ventured, "Marshall?"

"Good," said the officer. "Now, what is his full name?"

The recruit looked worried. Then he burst forth triumphantly: "Marshal Rommel."—AP dispatch.

INCONSISTENCY

One day a war hero is jugged in Italy for not wearing his helmet while in combat. The next day MacArthur is lauded for standing, helmetless, on the deck of a cruiser while leading his troops into action.—*Akron Beacon-Jnl*.

INFLUENCE

A young nobleman found himself in a little village in Cornwall, Eng. He vainly sought a place where something stronger than water could be obtained. Impatiently he inquired of an old native, "How is it that I cannot get a glass of liquor anywhere in this wretched village of yours?"

The old man bowed humbly, but there was a proud flash in his eyes as he ans'd quietly:

"My lord, something over a hundred yrs ago a man named John Wesley came to these parts." And with that, the old peasant walked on.—*Va Christian Advocate*.

LABOR—Shortage

An indignant woman called the city editor of the *Illinois State Journal* at Springfield, recently, demanding, "Why weren't the pictures of to-day's draft group in the paper?" "It might have been because our photographer was one of them," sighed the editor.—"Press Flashes," *Photography*.

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"We still have about 75 mechanics and every day we start over again on the job of replacing those we lost the day before," says the president of a big-city auto service station that still advertises, "No waiting, no postponements, no appointments." The firm had 165 employees on Pearl Harbor day; has 155 now—but in the meantime has hired and lost 485 people, including 100 in the armed forces.—*Motor*, 4-44.

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A chief engineer scheduled to lead a discussion on manpower and replacements sent a substitute, and explained that he was tied up at the shop—because of the manpower shortage.—*Parade*.



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When publicity for the next War Loan begins to appear you will note an altered approach. The "buy-bonds-so-he-can-have-bullets" appeal has never had any real validity. Humblest citizen now knows there's only tenuous connection between his purchase of bonds and the supplying of our armed forces. Current talk of huge reserves has further nullified the appeal. New theme will be urge to build nest-egg of savings, so that postwar air-castles may have firm foundations.

Early orders for Mother's Day flowers, which began to drift in 1st wk of May, found many florists still filling delayed Easter orders. Although Florists' Telegraph Delivery Service set up system for taking orders at post exchanges all over the world, and clearing from a central office in N Y, there were inevitable delays in transmission. Most orders are for corsages or potted plants. As delayed orders are received, florist customarily telephones recipient to ask if she prefers cut flowers.

Republican convention at Chicago next mo will see television interests making 1st large-scale effort to cover big news event. At least three television groups, each linked with a newsreel outlet, are said to be planning extensive schedules.

Despite protests of farmers against "war time," Cannon bill to restore Standard Time has little chance. It is opposed by all federal power agencies.

Nearly 9 yrs after Supreme Court ordered NRA junked, Blue Eagle has just been buried. Files were shipped last wk to Archives bldg, and last lone personnel survivor joined WACs.



AGRICULTURE: DDT, Swiss-developed chemical which has done so much to protect our fighters in tropical countries from pests and disease, is most promising product of many yrs to control insect depredations on the farm. Will kill more sorts of insects than any other insecticide. Goes after hard-to-kill pests including Jap beetle. (*Country Gentleman*).

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MATERIALS: New highly fire-resistant upholstery mat'l developed by U S Rubber from plastics. Use on Navy combat vessels is mandatory; now used as turret linings and seat coverings in bomber and fighter planes. In peacetime, will reduce fire hazards in auditoriums, night clubs, etc, as well as on planes, ships, trains, buses and trucks. (*Pencil Points*).

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MEDICINE: Achievement of Drs Woodward and Doering in duplicating atomic structure of natural quinine should not be confused with processes which result in production of synthetics such as atabrine and plasmochin. Present achievement, toward which scientists have worked for a century, arranges carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and oxygen atoms in same order in which they are found in natural quinine. Discovery has tremendous social and economic significance. Robs Jap occupation of Dutch East Indies of political importance; threatens Dutch Cartel controlling quinine. (*Jnl American Chemical Soc.*)

Tests at U S Naval Medical Research center, Bethesda, Md, indicate possibility that refrigeration of jaw may replace drugs as local pain-killer in dentistry. Recently, 23 cavities were filled under local refrigeration at 1 or 2 degrees centigrade, after studies with animals demonstrated no damage to tissues of jaw. (*Jnl American Dental Ass'n.*)

OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

This is a tale now being told in Oslo, Norway: A German girl, working in one of the several Nazi offices in the city, was late one morning. Her excuse: "I can't get along without coffee in the mornings." Her immediate punishment was an order to report for work early several mornings and to spend 5 min repeating: "I can get along without coffee. Heil Hitler!"

Suddenly, though, her punishment was increased and she was ordered to report even earlier. The reason: she had been caught saying, "I can get along without Hitler. Heil coffee!"—*This Wk.*

PRAYER

Something keeps our country safe. And the more I watch our politicians, the more I believe in the power of prayer.—"Aunt Het," ROBT QUILLEN.

PREPAREDNESS—Lack

Two Negroes were discussing the war. "Is you ready to go?" one asked.

"No," said the other, "I ain't ready, but I'se willin' to go, unready."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

PROGRESS

Freshman: "I don't know."

Sophomore: "I'm not prepared."

Junior: "I don't remember."

Senior: "I don't believe I can add anything to what has been said."

RESPONSIBILITY—Divided

When our 6 yr old Tommie started to school last fall, the weather was rather warm for the 1st two days. The 3rd day was colder. As I helped him with his sweater, I said, "Now, when you get to school, just put your sweater in your locker."

Tommie eyed me squarely and said firmly, "Mother, the teacher tells me what to do at school."—*Parents' Mag.*

SABOTAGE—a la Hollywood

A "plot" to blow up the Panama Canal recently was discovered by the Army. It was a Hollywood movie plot concocted by Columbia Pictures and submitted to the Army for approval before shooting the picture.

The plot was so good the Army grilled the author to see if anything else was behind it; finally was satisfied that it was pure Hollywood. However, in order to prevent the stimulation of similar ideas, the picture was banned.—DREW PEARSON, *Washington Merry-Go-Round.*

TAXES

Paste this in your hat, if any: No gov't ever cuts expenses as long as it can trim the taxpayer.—OLIN MILLER.

"Well Spoken!"

"As a man handles his troubles during the day, he goes to bed at night a General, Captain or Private."—ED HOWE " " " "There is no insanity so devastating in a man's life as utter sanity. It will get him quicker than whisky."—WM ALLEN WHITE " " " "A wise man is like a straight pin; his head keeps him from going too far."—ROUSSEAU " " " "I would rather bring up a fine family than write the one hundred best books."—WILL DURANT " " " "Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees."—VICTOR HUGO.

TAXES

If "simplifying" the tax law were all, Congress could direct Morgenthau to sift the stuff thru a ladder and let the taxpayer keep whatever sticks.—SEN SOAPER.

"VICTORY"—Models

The "Victory" bathtubs, kitchen sinks and stoves are so called because anyone forced to use them will work and pray for the day of victory when the makeshifts can be cast out forever.—SYLVIA CROSBY, "Women Talk About. . .", *Chicago Sun.*

The Curtain Rises

At the time of the Dieppe raid—which he observed from the deck of an Allied naval vessel—QUENTIN REYNOLDS told the story of the daring foray in a book titled *Dress Rehearsal*. His latest, written on the eve of invasion, is titled, significantly, *The Curtain Rises* (Random, \$2.75). Reynolds was at war with the Nazis some yrs before his country engaged in combat. Because of his revelations and adverse comment, he was ejected from the Reich in the early days of Hitler's all-out preparations for conquest. He has observed the American Army in every phase of its development, and yields to none in his star-spangled enthusiasm. Yet, in the concluding chapter of his book, written at home in Dec, '43, he warns against our provincial tendency to underestimate the Nazi war machine:

Everything I saw in the war zone led me to believe that our materiel was the best in the world; that a military miracle had been achieved in the rapid training of our troops; that our war effort was being handled with a minimum of red tape. I knew that neither Gen'l Marshall nor Gen'l Eisenhower could wave magic wands and have the ships arrive, loaded with just what we needed for combat. I felt that somebody back home must be doing a wonderful job of organization. I knew that when an American soldier set foot on an enemy beach he had the best equipment possible. He had everything that American ingenuity could give him to protect himself and to minimize his danger.

Whose Miracle?

Somebody back home must have been responsible for all this. Yet, from the papers I have been reading since I ret'd home, one would think that Washington was a madhouse, inhabited by certified lunatics, crooks or shady politicians. It was disheartening, because when you first come home you're so filled with pride at the great job America has done and is doing that you feel like waving a flag. . .

Our men abroad deserve something better than a country that is still stupid with reaction and prejudice. There are no Democrats, no Republicans at the front. There are no Protestants, no Catholics, no Jews at the front. There are men in uniform who, at the very best, are giving up a yr or two of their lives to serve a country they believe in.

I know of no one in America (except the parents and wives and

children of the dead) who have been called upon to make any real sacrifice. . . I am sure that if we were called upon to make the sacrifices (other nations) have made we, as a people, would be quite equal to our destiny. Whether that time will ever come, I don't know. I doubt it very much. But if the time does come, it may find us unprepared, mentally.

Will Germany Crack?

You can't discuss the war for half an hr without hearing someone say, "Oh, Germany will crack up any minute now." Maybe Germany will crack suddenly from within. I hope so. I know that neither the American nor British G-2 have any concrete information which would provide evidence to that effect. I do know that within the past few mo's Germany has put into combat the Focke-Wulf 200, a magnificent heavy aircraft so well armed that nothing we have can cope with it on equal terms. I know the Germans have a rocket-propelled bomb that has our research men going gray. I know, in short, that our combat gen'ls think the German Army is as strong as ever. . .

But, once we really take Italy and have air bases in N Italy, the real job of invading Germany will come. The great air invasion of the past few mo's has been the prelude. I can't forget what Gen'l Montgomery said: "The war has finally begun!" I think he is right. The preliminaries are over. The actors have learned their lines. The dress rehearsal has been held. The orchestra has played the overture. The play is about to begin. The curtain rises.



Death of Sitting Bull

HAMLIN GARLAND

TA-TANK-YO-TANKA, The Sitting Bull, was born, as nearly as we can reckon 107 yrs ago this month. A chief of the Sioux Indians, he was an implacable foe of the white man to the final hour of his death. On the war-path virtually all of his adult life, he was conspicuous in the Sioux massacre of 1862, and was in command at the battle of the Little Big Horn, in which Gen'l Custer and his entire force were killed. He was killed attempting to resist Indian police, Dec 13, 1890.

This tribute, by the American historian of the Middle Border, presents TA-TANK-YO-TANKA as viewed by a young Sioux. It is from *The Book of the American Indian*.

The dust of my Chieftain lies undisturbed in a neglected corner of a drear little military graveyard, near the Great Muddy River which was the eastern boundary of his lands. The sod is hot with untempered sun in summer, and piled with snow in winter, but in early spring the wild roses bloom on the primeval sod above his bones. No hand cares for the grave, no one visits it, and yet, nevertheless, the name written on that whitewashed board is secure on the walls of the red man's pantheon. Civilization marches above his face, but the heel of the oppressor cannot wear from the record of his race the name of Ta-tank-yo-tanka.

He epitomized the tragic story of my kind. His life spanned the gulf between the days of our freedom and the death of every custom native to us. . . He was our chief. We shall not see his like again. If the Great Spirit does not hate his red children, our Father is happy in the home of the Buffalo.

Rob't St John, the author, was standing in the lobby of the NBC studios, in Chicago's Merchandise Mart, where his luxuriant beard attracted considerable attention.

A woman visitor asked a page the identity of the owner of that hirsute splendor.

"That's St John," she was told.

"Um-m," mused the visitor, turning again to the beard. "Here for the Baptist Convention, I presume."

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Joe E. Brown, back from his second long tour of battlefronts, was guest of honor at two civic events. He brought back a captured German flag from Italy and presented it at a dinner given him by the U C L A religious conference. Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, nationally known speaker, who presided, helped Brown display the flag to the guests, made up of men and women of all denominations. The rabbi got a big laugh when he said, "This is the first time a rabbi ever unfurled a Nazi flag."—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

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A young banker recently picked up the telephone in his office. His end of the ensuing conversation went as follows: "No, NO. No, no, no. YES. No. No." With a final explosive "NO" he hung up. The head of his firm overheard him. "What was the idea of saying 'yes' to that fellow?" he chided. "I had to," answered his junior morosely. "He asked me if I could hear him."—*BENNETT CREEP, Sat Rev of Lit.*

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"The process of thinking draws the blood from the feet to the head," an educator informs us. This explains, perhaps, why, in so many cases, if you think twice about a proposition you get cold feet."—*Watchman-Examiner*.

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When the teacher of a class of small Mexicans found her pupils marching joyfully around three chairs, she paused to query.

Then Maia Quessada enlightened, "We plays that loffee song you tich us."

"Song!" the teacher asked, "what song?" and Ramon Perez told her, "The nize song named 'Three Chairs for the Red, White an' Blue!'"—*Front Rank*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

LAUGHS WITH LEGISLATORS

SEN ALBEN W. BARKLEY
of Kentucky

I once heard of a New England preacher who had a miscellaneous assortment of all kinds of people in his congregation—rich, poor, high and low, aristocrats and just plain people. He never liked to offend any of them with his sermons, but he felt he must preach a sermon on Sin. So he lashed away at it one Sunday morning, and concluded somewhat as follows:

"Brethren, I say unto you, repent of your sins (in a measure.) Ask for forgiveness (more or less) or you will be damned (to some extent.)"

The sermon evidently satisfied everybody.

The professor of chemistry was giving a demonstration of the properties of various acids.

"Now," he said, "I am going to drop this two-shilling piece into this glass of acid. Will it dissolve?"

"No, Sir," replied one of the students.

"No?" said the demonstrator. "Then perhaps you will explain to the class why it won't dissolve."

"Because," came the answer, "if it would you wouldn't drop it in."—*Tid Bits*.

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"Say," said the hopeful senior to a languishing lily in the main hall, "what are you doing Sunday?"

And she promptly responded: "I'll let you know Monday."—*American Farm Youth*.

"Telegram for Mr Niesdpondiavanci!" Thru the hotel lobby and corridors, the mezzanine, the barber shop and the men's retiring room, a hotel page had patiently wended his way, repeating at intervals, "Telegram for Mr Niesdpondiavanci!"

On the 2nd round a timid, hesitant little man approached: "You are heving," he said dubiously, "a telegram for Mr. Niesdpondiavanci?"

"Yeah," said the page.

"Um-m," pondered the guest. "Vat initial, please?"—*Butler Collegian*.



OF THE WEEK

A man can make a better living doing nothing nowadays than he could with a steady job a few yrs ago.—*Grit*.

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Alas, so many who have political bees in their bonnets also have bats in their belfries.

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REFORMER: A person who goes thru a sewer in a glass-bottom boat.

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SUCCESS: Making more money to meet obligations you wouldn't have if you didn't have so much money.—*The Cross*.

